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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

Re: Conditional Approval of General Electric's submittal titled "*Former Oxbow Areas J & K Additional Supplemental Sampling Proposal*", GE - Pittsfield/Housatonic River Site, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Silber:

This letter provides the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) conditional approval of the above referenced "*Former Oxbow Areas J & K Additional Supplemental Sampling Proposal*" (Proposal) dated March 27, 2006. The Proposal is subject to the terms and conditions specified in the Consent Decree (CD) that was entered in U.S. District Court on October 27, 2000.

Pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the CD, EPA, after consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), approves the Proposal subject to the following condition.

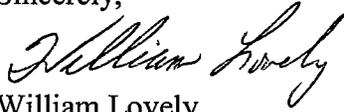
1. In addition to the PCB samples described in the Proposal, GE shall collect PCB samples from the 0- to 1-foot depth increment at proposed locations K10-10-2-SB-1, K10-10-2-SB-2, and RAA15-L8S. GE shall also collect additional PCB samples from locations offset away from the proposed boring locations. These samples will be held at the laboratory pending analytical results and analyzed in the event that sample results exceed 2 ppm.

GE shall include the additional PCB results described in the Proposal, as modified by the condition above, in the forthcoming Addendum to the Final RD/RA Work Plan. At GE's request, EPA approves an extension for submittal of this document until May 1, 2006.

EPA reserves its right to perform additional sampling and/or require additional sampling or Response Actions, if necessary, to meet the requirements of the Consent Decree.

Please contact me at (617) 918-1240 if you have any questions regarding this approval.

Sincerely,



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